



State of California – The Natural Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Edison Pole Erosion Repair Project

LOCATION: Crystal Cove State Park

COUNTY: Orange

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

The purpose of this project is to repair erosional damage from 2010 winter storms. Excessive rainfall caused a slope failure immediately below three Edison poles between two trails at Crystal Cove State Park – approximately 1800 square feet. Edison's contractor will brush the access route to the poles, currently overgrown with native and ruderal vegetation. The brushing crew will remove only enough vegetation to provide equipment and vehicular access to the site. The contractor will stabilize the slide area to prevent future slides. Erosion fabric will be installed on the slide area (as specified by the park), a native seed mix will be distributed throughout the site (seed to be provided by the park) and native plants will be installed (specified by the park, purchased by SCE). The plants will be hand watered by the park until they have become established.

DPR-approved standard project requirements have been incorporated into this project. A copy of these requirements may be obtained by submitting a request to the project Environmental Coordinator listed below.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation and Southern California Edison Company

EXEMPT STATUS:

- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
☐ Statutory Exemption
☒ Categorical Exemption

Class: 4 **Section:** 15304 – Minor Alterations to Land (b) and (c)

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated in compliance with Section 15300.2. The project is exempt under CEQA §15304–Minor Alterations to Land as “New gardening or landscaping, including the replacement of existing conventional landscaping with water efficient or fire resistant landscaping” and “filling of earth into previously excavated land with material compatible with the natural features of the site.” The Project does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees (class 4). Additionally, the action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CCR §15300.4 as a “Resource Management Project” to protect, restore, or enhance rare, threatened or endangered species and their habitat.

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